

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 9 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

All claims now pending are provided below according to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice.

1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A method of preparing an electromagnetic actuator comprising a stationary member having a first core section carrying a first coil wound around its periphery, a movable member magnetically coupled with said stationary member with a gap therebetween and having a second core section carrying a second coil wound around its periphery, and a support member for displaceably supporting said movable member relative to said stationary member, said method comprising steps of:

forming said stationary member, said movable member and said support member on a single substrate by means of photolithography and plating; and

removing the substrate from under the movable member so as to make the movable member to be supported by the substrate by way of the support member.

11. (Original) A method of preparing an electromagnetic actuator according to Claim 10, wherein said substrate is a silicon substrate.

12. (Original) A method of preparing an electromagnetic actuator according to Claim 11, wherein said step of removing the substrate is a step of anisotropically etching the silicon substrate from the rear surface thereof.